#### ABUNDANT CROPS.

Substance of the Reports from the Fields.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HUB.

Neldringhaus and His Tin-Plate Enterprise-A Reply to Foster's Letter-The Religious Riots in China-Census Office School Statistics-Fred Douglass Explains His Resignation-A Hundred Great Guns Contracted for - Silver Takes a Little Tumble.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.-The August return to the statistician of the department of agriculture make the condition of corn 90.8; spring wheat, 95.5; spring rye, 80.6; oats, 89.5; barley, 93.8; buckwheat, 97.03; potatoes, 96.5; tobacco, 88.5; hay, 90.9, Corn has fallen off 2 points during the month, the decline being almost entirely in the states of the Ohio valley and the northwest. The decline was due to dry weather, approaching drought in portions of Indiana and Illinois, and low temperature in all sections of the non surplus dis-

A Grave Danger Suggested.

There was sufficient rainfall in Kansas and Nebraska, with some local excesses, and the month was fairly favorable notwithstanding low temperatures. East of the Allegheny mountains and in the south conditions were favorable and state averages advanced. The crop continues late in most sections, the result of the poor start and absence of hot, forcing weather during July. Unless August should prove unusually favorable, and the season be a long one, there is grave danger that the crop may not mature properly.

Averages in the Principal States. In the surplus states the averages are; Ohio, 93; Indiana, 88; Illinois, 88; Iowa, 90; Missouri, 87; Kansas, 88; Nebraska, 89. The wheat returns relate to spring wheat only, the average for the whole breadth advancing somewhat during the month. The improvement is general except in Washington, where hot winds injured the prospect in some districts and the state returns outside of this state and Wisconsin closely approach the standard for com-parison. Principal states are: Wiscon-sin, 97; Minnesota; 98; Iowa, 95; Nebraska, 97; North Dakota, 99; South Dakota, 98; Washington, 90

A Medium Yield of Oats.

Oats have improved two points during the month, and the figures of condition indicate a medium yield per acre. The blight which ruined the crop last year and was feared again at the date of the July report has appeared in but a few isolated localities. The weather at the close of the growing season during harvest was generally favorable, and late growth was suf-ficient to largely offset the poor start and deficient stand. The cool weather which retarded corn growth in the Ohio and . , per Mississippi valleys was favorable to this cereal. A great crop of potatoes is

THE DISORDERS IN CHINA.

Uncle Sam Takes Measures to Protect His

Citizens—The Emperor's Decree. WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 -On account of the perilous position of Americans in China because of the religious riots there, orders have been issued at the navy department directing the Charleston and Marion to join the Asiatic station. The Charleston will sail from San Francisco to Yokohama and the Marion will go direct from Behring sea to China. The Alert also will join the Asiatic station as soon as her duty in Behring sea is completed.

Actions of the Chinese Emperor, The state department has received a copy of the imperial decree issued by the emperor of China concerning the outrages on foreign missionaries in that country which have caused the navy de-partment to order two additional vessels to Chinese waters. The decree, at the request of the council of ministers, instructs governors to lose no time in devising means to quell the disorders. All guilty persons are ordered to be punished by death, and all officials lacking in energy in the prosecution of the guilty or the protection of foreigners are to be de-

NEIDRINGHAUS REPLIES TO FOSTER. He Says He Cannet Obtain Tin-Plate Workers in This Country.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.-Acting Secretary Nettleton has received a letter from F. G. Neidringhaus, president the St. Louis Stamping company, in reply to Secretary Foster's recent letter in relation to the employment of foreign skilled labor for the tin-plate industry. Mr. Neidringhaus claims that for the successful operation of this new industry in the new mills of the company it is necessary to have a number of skilled laborers fresh from the business as it is conducted in Europe today. The foreign labor needed will not amount to 10 per cent of the whole number employed. All the company needs is some tin-plate rollers and other skilled laborers from abroad to run some patent machinery. It has advertised for this sort of help, but cannot ob-

Fred Douglass' Resignation.

tain it in the home market.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Refeiring to his resignation of the office of minister to Hayti, Fred Douglass yesterday said: "Yes, I have resigned my mission to Hayti. One year ago when I returned to Washington I took occasion to inform President Harrison that I should only spend one more year in Hayti. I did not resign because of any expressed dissatisfaction with my labors by the administration. I am getting old, too old for public labors. I am ap proaching my 76th year. I desire to put the past behind me, and enjoy in a quiet way the few years that remain to me.

One Hundred Big Guns

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.-Acting Secretary Grant, of the war department, has approved the recommendation of the board of ordnance and fortification, that the contract for the 100 high power guns be given to the Bethlehem Iron compan", of South Bethlehem, Pa. The aggregate amount of money involved in the contract is \$3,580,373,35. There are to be 25.8 inch, 50 10-iach and 25 12-inch guns completed in twelve years.

Census Office Public School Figures.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11. - The ceasus office yesterday issued a bulletin on public school matters for the states of Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesote, Mississippi, Nevada, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Wisthe showing the number of pupils enrolled in the public schools of the states named and the amount and per capita ex-penditure for each pupil, as well as the per capitas of total expenditures. The number of pupils enrolled in the states mentioned is as follows: Georgia, 342,496; Illinois, 778,319; Maryland, 184,251; Michigan, 427,032; Minnesota, 281,850; Mississippi, 321,987; Nevada, 7,387; North Pakota, 35,543; Rhode Island, 52,774; South Carolina, 194,264; Wisconsin, 350,342.

Pizarro's Remains Removed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The newspapers of Lima, Peru, contain elaborate accounts of the removal of the remains of Francisco Pizarro, who lead the conquest of Peru, from a vault under the altar of the cathedral at Lima to the chapel of the vicerovs in the same building. The remains were subjected to a careful examination and the body was found to be admirably preserved, although it is 350 years since Pizarro died.

The Population of Iowa.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.-The census office yesterday issued a bulletin giving the complete population of Iowa by minor civil divisions to be 1,911,896, an increase of 287,281 over 1880. Of the ninety-nine counties in the state, twenty-seven show decreases. In the larger number of counties, however, satisfactory increases are

Mrs. Cooke Gets the Money.

WASHINGTON, Aug. II .- A treasury draft for \$637.35, the salary for April, May, June and July of Mrs. Susan Gale Cooke as secretary pro tem, of the board of lady managers of the World's fair, was Monday forwarded to Mrs. Cooke at Chi-

Silver Goes Below One Dollar.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The treasury department yesterday purchased 606, 0 ounces of silver at from \$0.992 to \$0.995 per ounce.

THE KEYHOLE WAS LOADED.

A Railway Electrician Puts Up a Job on

the Superintendent. HARTFORD, Aug. 11.-George A. Waddell, of New York was recently employed as electrician of the H. and W. street railway. He did not get along well with Superintendent Shepard. Last week Waddell built a room about 12 feet square in the car house and put up a sign to the effect that it was his laboratory, and the superintendent was ordered to keep out of the room, as well as every one else. Mr. Shepard had a key to the room.

Lost His Job by His Scheme. On Saturday afternoon Mr. Barrett, of the Barrett Storage company, heard Waddell say to a man that if the superintendent tried to get into his room again he'd get something he wouldn't like. Mr. Barrett made an investigation, and found that Waidell had rigged up an electric current through the keyhole of the door, so that as soon as a key was inserted the person holding it would receive a shock of 500 volts. Waddeil was discharged, and has left the city.

FATAL STEAM PIPE EXPLOSION.

Two Negroes Blown to Atoms and Two Other Men Fatally Hurt.

St. Levis, Aug. 11.-An explosion of one of the steam pipes on the steamer Idlewild occurred Sunday night as the boat was nearing St. Genevieve. Sam Jackson, a colored fireman, and another negro, also a fireman, were blown to atoms. Charles Adams and Marshall Carter, deck hands, and John Grebel, a colored passenger, were seriously injured, the two former probably fatally. They were brought to the city by the steamer Crystal City and sent to the Marine hospital. The cause of the explosion is un-

The Minneapolis Club Is "Out."

MINNE (POLIS, Aug. 11.-The Minneap olis Base Ball club has been disbanded. President Hach released the players yesterday morning. Poor business conse quent upon hard luck is the cause of this Hach said he could quit even now, but to continue to the end of the season would mean a loss of \$4,000 for him. The players now belong to the Western association for ten days. There is some hope of the club playing the sea-

On Chicago Bace Tracks.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.-The winning horses at Hawthorne yesterday were: Powers, 5 mile, 1:13 2: Marie K, 1 mile, 1:53 4; Dungarven, 1% miles, 2:04; Burnett, mile, 1:000; Argenta, 1 mile 70 yards,

At Garbeld park: Zeke Hardy, 3g mile, 1:325;; Im E. Bride, 11:16 miles, 1:50%; Doncaster, 5-; furlongs, 1:20%; Gunwad, 1 mile, 1:45; Ulster, & mile, 1:03/g.

Didn't Shoot Him in the Right Spot. CHILLICOTHE, O., Aug. II.-George Duhlmeyer got drunk Sunday, and returning home began beating his wife. Po-licemen Hall and Von Kennel were called, and in attempting to arrest Duhlmeyer both were shot by him. Hall's injuries are considered fatal, while Von Kennel is but slightly hurt. The latter shot Duhlmeyer in the leg before he could subdue

A Test of the Eight-Hour Law.

OMAHA, Aug. 11 .- Guy C. Barton, president of the Omaha and Grant smelter, was arrested yesterday charged with violating the eight-hour law. He will be tried and receive a jail sentence; he will then apply to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that the law is unconstitutional. This will be made a test case.

A Curious Cause for a Strike. MILFORD, Mass., Aug. 11.-Yesterday all the quarrymen working for Darling Bros., numbering about 100, quit work because several delinquent members of the union, who had been suspended for nonpayment of dues, were still employed by the super ntendent, who also, it is alleged, refused to deduct said dues from the wages of the delinquents.

Plowed Up \$17,000.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 11 .- A young farmer nan.ed Edwards, while plowing near Sutherland Springs the other day, found an iron pot partially buried in the ground which was filled with gold doubloons, valued at \$17,000. There has long been a tradition in the neighborhood that Santa Ana buried treasure there on his retreat after the battle of San Jacinto.

Horrible Crime in Texas. VICTORIA, Tex., Aug. 11.—Miss Mary Hensoldt was found murdered in her room on the lowert part of Main street, where she lived alone. She had evidently been outraged. She was a helpless imbecile.

#### DESPOTIC RUSSIA.

A Gratuitous Insult Offered to the Poles.

MONUMENT TO A TYRANT'S TOOL.

"The Hangman of Poland," Who Made Wilna a Slaughter House, To Be Honored and His Victims' People Asked to "Chip in"-British Criticism of American Schools-The Bender Atrocicities Duplicated at Vienna - Seven Victims Found.

LONDON, Aug. 11 .- A Vienna dispatch says that the Poles are greatly excited over the proposed erection of a monument under the auspices of the Russian government to the memory of Count Muravieff, known as "The Hangman of Poland." It was by order of Muravieff that a multitude of Poles were put to death at Wilna in 1863. He was likened to Ivan the Terrible in ferocity, and many patriotic noblemen were his victims. The proposition is to erect a memorial to him in Wilna, which witnessed his worst atroc-

Endorsed by the Authorities.

The fact that the present governor general of Wilna has subscribed to the fund for that purpose shows that the authorities endorse the movement. What is aimost incredible is that pressure is brought to bear to compel Poles to subscribe to the scheme for bonoring the man who slaughtered their countrymen. The Poles generally construe the movement as a national insult, although it will serve to keep alive in Poland the sentiment of nationality and the mer ories of the heroic past.

Ashamed of His Dad's Doings.

According to a St. Petersburg dispatch the czar has caused it to be notified to the Princess Youneffsky, the morganatic widow of the late czar, Alexander II, that she must not visit the imperial family on terms of intimacy, and that her peculiar relationship cannot be recognized at court The czar himself has no morganatic wife and is devoted as a husband to the empress. He does not like the evidence of his father's loose morals to be thrust too plainly before him, and the women who were favorites of the late czar have found themselves hardly more than tolerated by the present ruler.

AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

An Englishman Says They Are Giving Way to Parochial Schools.

LONDON, Aug. 11.-The memorandum on the Amer can public school system presented to parliament by College Inspector Fitch, though pronounced by those familiar with the subject to be inaccurate and prejudiced, is hailed with delight by the opponents of free education. The report declares that the system in vogue in the United States results in irregular attendance and is steadily receding in the public estimation. Professor Fitch de clares that the public schools are gradually giving way to private and religious

Cites Chicago as an Example. He cites the case of Chicago, where he says the children in the public schools are not quite double the number of those in the religious schools, which he considers a remarkable fact in view of the greater cost of sending children to the private schools, The friends of the government's free, or at least partially free, education proposals are preparing a strong reply to the memorandum. Nobody can imagine where be

DECOYED TO THEIR DEATH.

A Bender Family Unearthed in a Vienna

VIENNA, Aug. 11 .- A series of horrible crimes has just been unearthed in this city. A couple named Francois and Fasalie Schneider, living in an isolated house in one of the suburbs, were in the habit of decoying servants to the place by means of advertisements offering them situations in the county. Having got their victims to the house they murdered and robbed them, burying the bodies in the cellar. The police were put on the lookout by a servant who had been assaulted by the Schneiders, but had been fortunate enough to escape alive, An investigation followed, and seven bodies were found buried under the house occupied by the murderers. The criminals are under arrest.

The Irish Local Government Bill.

LONDON, Aug. 11.-In a speech at Plymouth vesterday Chief Secretary Balfour outlined the ideas of Irish local government which the government proposed to He repudiated the view expressed by Morley that it was a small home rule bill. He argued that local government should not be withheld from Ireland for two reasons—the first a senvi mental one, because it had already been given to England and Scotland; the second, because it had been repeatedly prom

Well Done | Miss Anderson.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 11 .- A special dispatch from Galveston says: Jennie Anderson, who lives alone, discovered a negro in her room about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. She seized a revolver, but was so excited that she accidentally discharged the weapon and inflicted a painful, wound in her thigh. The shot frightened the negro and he attempted to escape. Miss Auderson, in spite of her wound, followed him, firing as she ran. One of the shots proved fatal and the negro died while officers were taking him to the hospital.

Blaine Makes a Call on Tracy.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 11 .- Secretary Blaine, Mrs. Blaine and Mrs. Damrosch made a call on Secretary Tracy on the Dispatch yesterday. They were there nearly an hour, after which Blaine called on John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer. He remained with McLean a long

Chief Justice Fuller at Chicago CHICAGO, Aug. 11.-Chief Justice Fuller is in the city. Yesterday he called upon Judge Gresham, and spent half an hour with him. Justice Fuller will remain in Chicago some time before he returns to Washington. He has been on a visit to the Pacific coast. He doesn't seem to have

any presidential boom along.

Killed by Lightning While Asleep. HOUGHTON, Mich., Aug. 11 .- A terrific electrical and rain storm Sunday did con . siderable damage at Hancock. Oscar Harjoja was killed by lightning while sleeping. Lightning struck several build-ings at Calumet, but no one was in-



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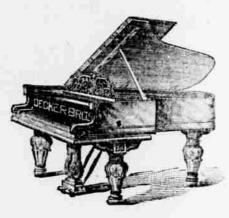
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